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Introductory Comments:

This preliminary amendment is being submitted along with a Request for Continue Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 31, 2004, in the above-captioned application. Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Entry of the amendments to the specification and claims 1, 11 and 17 as provided below is requested. The amendments place the claims in condition for allowance or, at least, present the application in better form for appeal.